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THE POOR POSTMAN. He Relates Some of the Trials He Has to

"I may be wrong," remarked a weary looking mail-carrier, who was discussing a slab of pie and a cup of mystery in a rapid lunch shop, says the New we postmen are asked more fool questions than anybody else in this town "Here's a few that I just struck on the block of my route:

"What's the rate to Chippewa Falls on two ounces and a quarter?'
"'How often does the mail stage run from Skidgeville to Skippahannock? " 'Wouldn't it be quicker for you people to ride around in a hack?" "'What's the best way to make a kick

to Wanamaker? 'When does the next mail go to Alaska?' and 'Don't you ever get tired walking? "These are samples of the odd hun-

dred or so of queries that every lettercarrier gets fired at him in the course of a day. When a man's new he tries to be polite and answer, but I got over it long ago. It's too wearing.' At this juncture a man at the next ta-

ble leaned over and asked the complaining one to stop at his office when he went out and get a package of one hun-dred thousand circulars that couldn't be left in the mailbox.

A Subterranean Lake An underground lake has been disovered three miles from Genesee, Idaho. was found by a well digger. At a depth of sixteen feet clear, pure lake water ran out over the surface for a time, then settled back to the earth's level. The most curious part of it is Paulding thought, but did not say, as that fish were brought to the surface by the overflow. They have a peculiar appearance and are sightless, indicating that they are underground fish. The spring has attracted much attention, earance and are sightless, indicating many farmers in the vicinity fear that their farms will drop into the lake.

THE LOCKED DOOR.

"Fool, To think that stubborn churl would e'er re

And socketward again the bolt he sent.

But one calm eve both waken from a dream

Once more before the barrier he stands; And, as, again, slowly onch iron key Rasps in the rusty wards, an answering sou

Open and leaves the old friends, newly found.

Lovingly looking in each other's eyes, With reunited hearts and firm-clasped hands. —C. W. Baker, in Cheinnati Enquirer.

MRS. MERTON'S PROTEGE.

the Great City.

Mrs. Merton said she was very dressy.

Friendless Giri's Experience in

People who expected things from

ovidence of needy women, particu-

arly if they could sew. New gowns

atright were of course to be intrusted

only to a modiste whose charges were

frightfu'. But the old ones, whose name was legion, changed their fashion

so often, had new fronts to-day, new

ruffles to-morrow, were turned inside

out, and upside down, at such a rate

that the good lady was a true kaleide-

ing meant wor for madam's latest pro

that person was a wonderfully variable

quantity. Mrs. Merton said the dear

things got on and left her to hunt up

other unfortunates. It was her pecul-

iarity to lose interest in people when

cope of styles. Generally the chang-

lesolves to try again all he can do.

gicam,

Of what has been, so clear forthshadowing, too. The golden prophecy of what may be; Each rises, and in the moonlight's softened

Two friends once closed between them, mutunlly, A door with double locks, one on each side; With separate keys, fashloned with cunning art Sure of himself, strong in fresh-wounded pride Each, for his own side only, held the key.

And thus for weary weeks they dwelt apart, "Till one at last, whose dropping tears had The fire of wrath that in his bosom burned, Full of forgiveness, softly stole and turned The key; then sought to ope the door, but

Then the old unger leaped to sudden flame, And, laying on his friend's hard heart the

He shot again the bolt and turned once more. To nurse, in bitterness, the reopened wound, That night the other thought of olden days, ZION A. M. E. CHURCH. So nearer than estrangement's later hours.

That of the quarrel he thought he must have And so unlocked the door: yet all his powers Failed still to shake it. Then he muttere

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People unexpectantly critical, changed the adjective to messy. One thing was E. W. TURNER LODGE. No. 548. F. & A. M. Stated meetings the first and third Saturdays in each month at 7:30 p. m. Transient brethren cordially invited d. Herry C. Bourland, W. M. certain about her wardrobe-it was arge, if not select. Mrs. Merton herself would have told you that her heart was much larger-in fact that she was in some sort the special

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why there was nothing she would not do for them. That made Mrs. Paulding smile bears for nothing. But she said nothing Official Directoru.

> on a joint shopping tour. Presently she said, a little anxiously? Do you think it fits?"

it did when it came from Mme. Le you at first, Mrs. Merton, the dress was Grandes." charged thirty dollars for making it, not part with it. I have put a week's when the cloth cost only twenty-five. Isn't it a shame!"

"Well, style costs, you know. did it over for you?" "Oh, I want to tell you about hera country girl, one 1 met last summer. It seems there is trouble of some sort feet, and walked out upon the street at home, her mother died-father mar- blind, desperate, despairing. So blind, ried again-brother forged and ran indeed, that even when she got to her away-and I think she's got a lover they own door she did not see a tall fellow don't approve. Anyway she has come | who stood patiently awaiting. She was to the city for work-and only think! not deaf, though, and when William knows no soul here but me. Of course | Harding's voice said: "Letty, darling, she came straight to the house and have come to fetch my wife home," her asked if she might give me as a refer- pallor gave way to sweet, red blushes, ence to her landlady-and oh, my dear, she is so brave about it-said she knew I'm sure, I am very glad of it."-M. C.

it would be hard work-but she wasn't | Williams, in Yankee Blade. afraid." "So you gave her work?" 'Yes, mending at first, and really her darning is a work of art. Then she seemed so handy I thought I might risk this dress. I always did love it, you know, and I had got a big grease spot right on the front breadth, so something had to be done with it, and now you see, there isn't a trace of it. She has washed and pressed the whole gown, and it looks so well I shall wear it for second best all winter. I am delighted with it, most of all to think I got her to do it out of charity. Are you

sure the vest is just right?" "It looks very well indeed." "If it pleases you, it must be, you Advertiser, "but it's my opinion that have such taste. She fixed it this way, at first, but I thought it ought to be deeper, so I had her change it, then thought maybe this was best after all. I am so glad you like it. Really I hope you will let her make over something for you. We women, you know, ought to help each other, and the poor thing is just beginning."

"What are her prices?" "Anything you have a mind to pay. I gave her fifty cents and her dinner, the day she worked for me here, and she was so grateful she didn't want to take it, because I had been good enough to let her use my name. Do you know I really feel that making this gown has been to her a labor of love? I wish she had waited, so you might have seen what a dear girl she really is." "From what you say of her family,

I shouldn't like to have her come about "Oh, she isn't to blame for her family; besides I really don't remember what the trouble is. You know I hear so many romantic stories. If ever you see her you'll know she is honest as daylight.

"She may be, but I don't like the aroma of disreputable connections." Well, there is something in that. I really ought to be more particular, but you know how I am, my heart always gets the better of my head." "But never of your purse," Mrs. she trotted off home. Five minutes later Letty Lane walked up the Mertons' steps--pretty Letty, with the lithe straightness of her own

was in almost hollow look in the honest, gray eyes. Broken crackers and water is not good diet to work on, even when you have the salt of hope—the sauce piquante

of pride-for seasoning. The girl came of good stock-better. indeed, than her patroness. There was no hint of shame in the trouble that had sent her into the working ranks. had said to Mrs. Merton: "My father has lost more than all his money. His surety has paid for him five hun dred dollars-and I am not going home until I have made it good." But, as that lady said, she had so many histories to recount it was no wonder she often mixed and heightened them beyond

recognition What Letty kept to herself was the fact that the "surety" was her own devoted lover, William Harding, Esq. He should never know her purpose until it reached fruition. That would not be long. She had all the faith and courage of inexperience, and she did not mean And those before the first friend's wrath sould until she got a foothold in something more to her taste.

The other's heart grew hard again and kept She was genuinely grateful to Mrs. Merton. The lady had greeted her warmly, and been lavish of promises, whose face value honest Letty never dreamed of discounting. That was why she had been willing to spend a full week wrestling with the dusty, half-worn gown. All things considered, the result was more than creditable, but Letty could not help grudging the time

and effort. "I could have made a new dress with half the work, and ever so much more stylish," she murmured, as she shook out the completed garment, adding with a little laugh: "As I am paid for it I ought not to mind; but I do hate to waste my work. I will never do it for anybody but dear Mrs. Merton. She hated worse to go back for her money, but her rent fell due to-morrow,

and she had just three cents. Her bill was only five dollars. Mrs. Merton, she was sure, would double it. If she did Letty had made up her mind to buy as many apples as she could eat "just this once." After that she would live sparsely, but never starve herself as she had done for three days In fact, she wondered if she would ever be able to see crackers, or duli green cloth, again without a little shiver of sick faintness. A warm nourishing odor met her inside the Merton door. Dinner was just coming to the table; better still, Mrs. Merton about to sit down to it in the gown of Letty's

She ran up to the girl eagerly, crying: "You dear thing! How did you manage it? Mrs. Paulding says it look s so well I will not need another dress tege. It came to be noted, too, that this winter.'

"I am glad, so glad," Betty said, a little huskily. "I came-I wanted to see it on you-and find out how you liked 'Why, it's perfect -perfect. I don't see how you ever did it. And of

they began to be prosperous and able to do without her. Until they were course you want your money-need it, no doubt. Tell me how much I owe Letty handed her the bill. The next hind her handkerchief. She had not minute it was torn in two and flung at been the Mertons' next neighbor five her feet, while her benefactress (?) ieked: "Five dollars! only looked her hostess critically over heard of such imposition. Why, the as the latter turned and twisted before dress isn't worth it. I can buy a beauher mirror, craning her neck to get the tiful new one, ready-made, for less-and best view of the new old gown, that had to think of asking such a price for work come home while the two ladies were given you out of pure charity! It's a

shame-an outrage. I don't see how you dare look me in the face." For a minute Letty stood dumb and "Perfectly-ever so much better than white. Then she said, steadily: "I told not worth my working over-yet you Yes, and only think of it, she declared it must be done-you could hard work into it-pray accept it, as a slight recompense for the countenance!

Who you have given me, and let me wish you good evening. "I'll give you two dollars-I meant to maybe you can give her some work. from the first," Mrs. Merton said, try-She needs it, poor thing! She is ing to thrust the money in the girl's hand. Letty dropped the coins at her and she answered, slowly: "I think-

Sir Robert Peel and George the Fourth. The king was accustomed to comment upon the dress of Sir Robert Peel, whose clothes never fitted him. Sidney Smith accordingly represented the minister, when on a visit to the Brighton Pavilion, as being called out of his bed in the middle of the night to attend to his majesty in what the king supposed to be his last moments-his dinner having disagreed with him in an alarming manner. Peel was much atfected, and the king, after a few short

words, which he could scarcely utter, said: -'Go, my dear Peel-God bless you! I shall never see you again!" And as Peel turned to leave the room he added faintly: "Who made that dressing-gown, my dear Peel? It sets very badly behind God bless you, my dear fellow! Never

employ that tailor again!"-Yankee DOINGS IN FOREIGN LANDS. In Russia no Polish Catholic is permitted to acquire land.

Tiges bones are used as a medicine in

hina, where they are supposed to posess tonle qualities. In England and Scotland Saturday, Sunday and Monday are considered lucky days on which to get married. ACCORDING to Col. Rockhill, the dev ils are driven out of the towns in Corea on New Year's eve by firing off guns

THE down of a Turlish bride is fixed by custom at about \$1... and the wedding day is invariably Thursday. No spoons, forks or wine are used at the wedding feast. MADAGASCAR is probably the only duce in the world where Christmas is

elebrated twice a year and where

and erackers.

there are also two New Year's days ob served by one and the same people. In Belgium the children fill their hoes with beans and carrots on Christauseve and set them in the chimney dace for the good saint's horse. In the coing they expect to find them filled th sweetments and fruits in return for their good behavior.

-A Youthful Geo.ge.-Little George (to bill collector) - "Father isn't in, but he told me to ask you to call to-morrow." Collector - "He will be at home mountain trees still in her young shoul-ders. She held herself upright, but her then, will he?" George-"No, sir. He'll ders. She held herself upright, but her be ont. Th-that's why he told me to tread was far from springy, and there tell you to call then."—Yankee Blade.

NATURE'S ANTICS.

Remarkable Phenomena in Southern California

ated by Internal Convulsions -A Very Mysterious Region. A few months ago a small party of cospectors left San Diego for that litknown country lying below the Mexican boundary, just west of the Colorado river. This region is supposed to be full of valuable mineral deposits

and prolific in natural phenomena. They spent a couple of weeks on what is known as the Santa Ysabel ranch, some miles northwest of the Cocopah mountains. While there they that frequently during several days a heavy rumbling had been heard in the direction of the Cocopahs. Proceeding to Las Juntas, a little settlement made up of a few Indians and a white man or two, they spent several days there in

Here they were told by a man named Elliott that from a high hill he had seen what seemed to be a cloud over the Cocopah mountains, and had also heard heavy rumblings, and once at night had seen a dull light apparently on the very top of the mountain. He believed it to be a volcano. Indians had also brought reports that unusual disturbances had been observed in the Cocopah region. and they were greatly frightened.

They recrossed the line into the United States, and at Indian Wells, on the Colorado desert, not only heard more about the rumblings and smoke, but for the first time saw the smoke themselves, cloud-like shape that seemed to rest almost on the earth. The party came westward, and on the night when the earthquake shock was felt in San Diego were camped on an elevation some 3,000

feet above the sea level. That night they not only felt the severest earthquake shock, but plainly saw a great light shoot upward in the heavens directly over what was believed to be the main Cocopah mountain. The light continued with greater or brilliancy late into the night, while the rumbling was almost incessant and the tremors frequent.

The next morning a murky cloud of the color made by burning sulphur hung like a vast umbrella low on the horizon all day and there were frequently recurring shocks of earthquake party remained in camp that night and saw the light in the same place, but much fainter. George Nickle, who has a ranch on the eastern slope of the mountains, said that on the night of the great shake he saw an illumination of The light changed remountains. peatedly, being sometimes very bright, sometimes dull and almost imperceptible. The next morning he saw an umbrella-shaped cloud where he had seen the light the night before. There is no gins his working day. doubt in the minds of all who saw the

George Campbell, an old stockman of the Campo country and proprietor of the Jacumba runch on the edge of the desert, states that a few days after the desert looking after cattle that had

light that it was an active volcano.

Wells. He found that the earth was eracked in many places as a result of with vegetables, and dessert of fruit, the earthquake. Some fissures were nearly two feet wide. One afternoon he was riding gardens of the vatican. He afterward fast when his horse stumbled on the edge of a huge fisture. He recovered Campbell turned back to look at the rest. huge crevice, which was about eighteen

and apparently had no bottom. Yuma passes through a deep canyon, at seventy it was better hot and cold springs to which many in- eye: "Thank you, thank you, your valids resort for bathing. Mr. Camp-

bell, the proprietor, says that the flow | the eve of next year to receive once of the hot springs has ceased entirely. GARFIELD'S ASSASSIN.

Guiteau's Last Drink-How His Body Was Dr. Tilden, formerly chemist at the national medical museum, has told a reorter some unwritten history about Guiteau, President Garfield's assassin He said that the assassin went to the caffold in a semi-drunken condition. "This," added the doctor, "was a neces

sity. You are aware that when a squad of soldiers entered the jail rotunda a short while before the execution and came to 'order arms' with a loud bap; Guiteau fell over in a dead faint. Alis nervous system was shattered, and the physicians felt that they would be unable to get him to the scaffold. A onsultation was held and it was de cided to give him a dose of brandy. This was done and he got a big dose too. Not being used to drinking, the dose went to his head, and his Lordy' song on the scaffold was, in my

estimation, a drunken effusion." Dr. Tilden, says the San Francisco Chronicle, described how the body of Guiteau was removed to the museum then located on Tenth street. He said that the body was never buried, but, after being placed in the coffin, was taken down into the jail cellar, where it remained until after midnight. Soon after that hour an ambulance drove up to the building and the remains were quietly placed therein and quickly friven down town. Then they were taken into the museum through the alley which runs in from F street. Once in the building all that remained of Charles J. Guiteau was taken into the boiler-room and placed in an immense boiler, where it was allowed to boil and bubble until all the flesh had fallen from the bones. The latter were then picked out and bleached, and some day will form an interesting exhibit in the

An Unfortunate People. The lot of the Russian Jews is not a happy one. Most of the Hebrews who are expelled from the czar's empire travel through Germany on their way to a refuge in the new world. Now, by imperial decree just issued, they are prohibited from crossing the bounda-

ries of Germany. A few of them were

shot recently while attempting to cross the line. Some four hundred thousand of them are seeking to escape from Russian cruelties. Ejected by Russia and QUEER FISH.

Beds Covering Hundreds of Square Miles Found in Colorado. Superintendent W. C. Hart, of the northern division of the Colorado world's fair mineral department, recently reble Fissures in the Earth Creturned from a trip in the northwestern

part of the state. During his absence, says the Rocky Mountain News, Mr. Hart made investigations leading to one of the most remarkable geological discoveries ever known in the west. Vast fish beds, covering hundreds of square miles in northwestern Colorado, are brought to light and cannot fail to awaken a great interest in scientific circles. The beds, so far as traced by Mr. Hart, extend a distance of one hundred and fifty miles in the region of the Green river country and when traced to primeval deposits of fish in Wyoming, but for the first time a discovery of a similar character is reported in this

remain forever a mystery. piled in distinct layers over a large area of country which is now five thousand to ten thousand feet above sea level is a constant source of speculation and curi-problem which might stagger the most osity. The change was not a sudden profound geologist. After careful intheory which at least appears plausible. According to his theory, there was a posits formed the shore of a salt water ocean. As the tides swept the waters against the rocky shores, marshes were he moved to Finksburg. Carroll county. formed on the opposite side of the rocky barrier. The tides surged against the him to Mr. Andrew Powder, of Westbarrier with such force as to throw the minster, with whom he learned the tanfish into the shallow waters. Owing to ner's trade and lived until he was fortythe heated temperature of the air, the five years old. He worked at his trade water in the marshes evaporated before until 1870, but did not think the tan had the tide again returned, leaving the fish any effect on his color, as other colored to expire in the mud.

The next flow brought a new supply of fish, and after many centuries the beds of to-day were formed. The deposit of each return of the tide is distinctly marked in the cliffs and on the sides of the canyons of the mountain streams. The deposit was raised to its present elevation by the same hidden forces which formed the mountains.

POPE LEO'S MODE OF LIFE. Although Eighty-Two Years Old, His

Health Belles All Bumors. The pope was eighty-two years of age on March 2. Leo XIII. has now occupied the chair of St. Peter for fourteen years, and although there have been many rumors of the unsatisfactory state of his health lately there seems to be no the heavens directly over the Cocopah | good reason why he should not occupy it for a good many years longer, says the Pall Mall Budget. His holiness' node of life is of the simplest. He usually rises at 6 o'clock in the morning, offers spots of color have appeared in recent the sacrifice of the mass and then be-

coffee, tea or milk, and after going through his papers begins to receive about nine. From that hour till one in the afternoon the throng of visitors sation, and the old man at last sucnever slackens. He then returns to his cumbed to the hand of death, as so papers and his books until three, when many others have done in the last year, The dinner of his holiness is of the strayed far in the direction of Indian same frugal character as his breakfast -a little soup, two courses of meat

with one glass of wine. After dinner

he goes out for a drive or a walk in the

resumes his papers. Between nine and ten o'clock all the papal household ashimself, however, and jumped across. semble for the rosary and then retire to Although the pope wears spectacles to twenty-two inches wide and extended when reading his eyesight continues north and south as far as he could see very good. When he was a young man he was very shortsighted, but as he The old stage road from Campo to grew older his sight became better, and both sides of which rise apparently to a when he was twenty years of age. A great height. Mr. Gaskell says that bon mot of his holiness at last Christone hundred huge rocks have been dis- mas reception may not have been forlodged from the mountain sides and gotten. It was addressed to Cardinal rolled to the bottom of the canyon, ob- Parrocchi, who is believed in many structing travel so much that it is al- quarters to be heir-presumptive to the nost impossible to get through with a chair of St. Peter. When the cardinal wagon. This canyon is near Coyote had wished him a happy new year the Wells, in Jacumba valley, where are pope said, with a twinkle in his eminence; I hope to be still here on

> more your sincere congratulations." A Strange Story Round the neck of the holy virgin of Almadena, the patron saint of Madrid, for whom a fine new church is being built close to the royal palace, a very beautiful diamond ring hangs on a thin gold chain. The ring belonged to the late King Alphonso XII, and a strange history is connected with it, which may well appeal to the minds of the superstitious Spaniards. On the day of his wedding to Mercedes, the daughter of of the duke of Montpensier, the king gave the ring to his bride, who wore it till her early death. After the funeral the king gave the ring to his grandmother, Queen hristine, who died soon after. Infanta Maria del Pilar, the sister of the king, then became its possessor. She had worn it only a few days when she died. Then the ring became the property of the king once more, and he gave it to the sister of his late consort, Princess Christina, youngest daughter of the duke of Montpensier. Three months later the young girl was dead. The king had now be-

again he himself wore the ring until he also went to his early grave. Youthful Prodigies. English newspapers are talking of a little girl of ten who has rewritten the turn to manufacturing in the houses of books of Euclid, supplied new examples and proved all her propositions. Youthful prodigies are commonly supposed to be a pecu ar product of the forcing ent time is the general activity in the process of American civilization, but when they do appear in England they compel admiration from their precocity John Stuart Mill struggled with Greek verse at nine, and Cardinal Newman at five was deep in Ovid, while the younger Pitt went up to the university at sixteen with a store of learning that

come aware of the unfortunate coinci-

dences, and instead of giving it away

ART GATHERINGS.

amazed his tutors.

Two thousand women became artists in the year 1891. ONLY two women members are al-

lowed in the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colors, and of these Clara Montalba is one. BOULANGER'S collection of art treasures and household decorations, recently sold in Brussels, contained

teen portraits of himself. ADRIA JONES, the leading English animal sculptor, will send to the Chicarepelled by Germany, they know not go exhibition a copy of his striking group called "The Last Arrow." An Indian on herseback

A WHITE NEGRO.

One of the Most Remarkable Cases of the Age.

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An Aged African Who Gradually Change om a Deep Black to a Deadly White-A Puzzle to the

For many years one of the most familiar and well-known figures on the streets of Westminster, Md., has been Abraham Ireland, familiarly known to both old and young as "Uncle Abram," a hard-working, industrious colored man, kind and genial in disposition and unobtrusive in manner, says a special points more than one hundred miles from Westminster to the Baltimore Sun. toward the interior of the state. Scien-tists have known of the existence of health. After a short illness of pneumonia, following an attack of the grip, he died the other morning at 7 o'clock, in the eighty-third year of his age. To The beds are one hundred and the younger generation of Westminster fifty to two hundred feet thick. To the he was probably not so great a curiosity ordinary observer their origin would as to the older ones, who remember him How untold millions of fish could be jet black skin, with every indication of his pure African lineage, and his gradual change to a pure white has been a but very gradual, and no change in estigation Mr. Hart has arrived at a his feelings or health was the least noticeable. He was born at "Soldiers" Delight," Baltimore county, Md., on when the region of the fish de- Palm Sunday, 1809, of slave parents, and was the property of Nicholas Lowe, who sold him to Amos Lowe, with whom men worked in the same yard without

any change of complexion. Both his parents were full-blooded Africans, very black, as are all of his children, his son David, one of the most ominent colored men in the town, having a rich mahogany complexion. The first change noticeable in Abraham was a white spot which appeared on his cheek about thirty years ago, then on his forehead and one wrist, the white spots appearing on different parts of his body and gaining for him the title of "Leopard." The spots then increased rapidly, finally coming together, until his entire body was of a sickly white, aptly described by Huck Finn in Mark Twain's famous book, as "fish-belly white." The change was complete and permanent, no fading from black to white nor shading of color, but pure, unmistakable white. His head is perfeetly bald, and of the same deadly white as the rest of his body. A few years upon his face and these he attributes to sunburn, as his life has been For breakfast he has a single glass of spent principally out of doors. His body was whiter than his face or hands There has never appeared to be any skin disease or unpleasant itching senbodily health in every way being still unimpaired. While puzzling the medical fraternity Abraham attracted the attention of the public and received several offers to place himself on exhibition in dime museums, and also received a very flattering offer from the veteran showman, P. T. Barnum, but these he declined, preferring a quiet life with his son, never earing for notoriety. A few years ago Mrs. Jacob Eldridge, of Howell, Mich., a similar freak, died in that state and attracted considerable attention. She was also of full African blood, her grandfather having come from Guinea, and her experience of the change from a colored to a white person was similar to that of "Uncle Abram," suffering no inconvenience nor showing any signs of a skin disease was the only other case known to

the public up to the present time.

. Mischievous Bird. There is a parrot in St. Louis, which exclaims, whenever a man enters the room: "You're drunk, sir, and had better go away. I don't want to see you till you're over it." People wonder how the bird catches on but the evplanation is simple; it doesn't know how to say anything else, and of course in making the remark to every man it frequently gets near home. One gentleman who called thought it was the lady of the house speaking, and rushed out of the parlor. She sat down to write a note of explanation to him, when to her amazement a servant brought her a note from the gentleman she was writing to, in which he stated that he acknowledged with humility that he had perhaps taken too much wine with his dinner but had hoped on calling on her that she would not have detected it. As she had done so, however, he offered his most abject apologies and a prayer for

ELECTRICITY APPLIED.

THE Burlington railroad, it is said, is experimenting with the electric motor for its suburban trains about Chicago. Ar a late trial of the Sims-Edison torpedo, it is said, that a speed of twentysix miles an hour was kept up against a strong tide.

It is currently stated that the Northern Pacific railroad will be equipped and running its main line trains by electricity in three years from this time. An experiment in weaving silk by electric looms has been made in Germany and the results encourage a rethe weavers.

PERHAPS the most prominent feature

of the electrical industries at the pres-

performance of heavy work and in

larger units than have formerly been called for. This is especially noticeable AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS.

fully grown on the Azores. TOMATO rot is successfully kept in check in India by the use of bordeaux mixture.

In Manchooria, China, are large dog farms, the dogs being fed for the value of their skins. Tobacco is being largely grown at Cape Colony, and experiments are being made there in cotton culture.

GRASS seed is a nuisance in parts of New South Wales. It is injurious to the mouths of horses and cattle, and has destroyed the first crop of lucern. The worst seed is that of barley grass.

in the mining industry. THE cotton industry is attracting attention in Queensland. NEW ZEALAND flax is being success